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company; later sat in a Congo meeting for a long time with George McGhee, Soapy Williams, Mac Godley, Woodie Wallner, Gordon Knox, Bill Burdett, Wayne Fredericks, etc. I do think we have unnecessarily aggravated the difficulties in the Congo by being too doctrinaire, impatient, and intolerant.

I went at 6:15 to see Mildred Bliss. She was 83 last week. Extraordinary, beguiling, sympathetic woman.

E, Joan and I dined with Alice Longworth. The Kim Roosevelts, Joseph Alsops, Tish Alsop, Huntington Cairns, and another Roosevelt cousin cum wife were there. Alice in full spate, amusing, gay, witty, caustic. To bed by midnight.

Sunny day. Temperature, like yesterday, about 75°. Since it is difficult to get taxis during rush hours, I walk miles, with seeming benefit to the circulation.

September 19, 1962 - Wednesday

Personnel meeting this morning. Lunched with Averell at the Metropolitan. Spent two hours with him. Besides actualities, he was in reminiscent mood, retailing from his vast store of memories anecdotes about Stalin, Krushchev, Churchill, and like bigwigs. Much discussion with him of Far Eastern affairs.

Spent an hour with Walt Rostow and planners. Dined tonight at the John Coopers, after a visit at home by Frank Wisner.

Walt Rostow's disquisition on long range economic planning was gripping. He put [redacted] floors under commodity prices, solved the vexatious problem of agricultural surpluses, dealt succinctly with multilateral nuclear forces, gave a précis of British economic history, before dashing off to enlighten another audience. He is a dazzling fellow, and brilliant conversationalist.

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The Cooper dinner was fun. The Paul Mellons, Lily Guest, George Rowan (Lorraine's brother), the Joe Alsops, Chip Bohlen with his daughter Avie, the